

In the Specification:

On page 1, after the title insert the following:

RELATED APPLICATIONS

This is a U.S. National Phase Application under 35 USC 371 of International Application PCT/EP2005/002162, filed on February 28, 2005.

FIELD OF THE INVENTION

On page 1, before line 5, insert the following heading:

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

On page 2, delete the paragraph beginning on line 18 through line 20 in its entirety.

On page 3, before line 1, insert the following:

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

The preferred embodiments of the present invention provide an efficient and secure electronic voting scheme based not on ordinary blind signatures but on fair blind signatures.

On page 3, amend the paragraph beginning on line 6 as follows:

~~The~~ One aspect of the present invention provides an electronic voting method comprising the step of using a fair blind signature scheme to obtain a digital signature of a signal containing the voter's vote. Typically, the digital signature will be applied by a server module that can be designated an "admin server" module.

On page 4, before line 3, insert the following heading:

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

On page 4, before line 20, insert the following heading:

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS